(a) whether Government propose to entrust the work of recruiting persons for jobs abroad to the Employment Exchanges in view of a large number of complaints received from the general public about cheating by a number of recruiting agents of those seeking jobs abroad; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Telecommunication network to be set up by North Eastern Council

*447. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the North Eastern Council proposes to set up a multi-channel Tele-communication network for Assam Police for the benefit of the North Eastern region;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Council will provide Rs. 13 crores for the same proposal; and

(c) if so, by when the N.E.C. propose to complete the installation of Telecommunication network?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) The North Eastern Council in their draft Annual Plan for 1988-89 have proposed for consideration a scheme prepared by Government of Assam consisting of Micro-wave system for the North-Eastern region in general and the Assam Police in particular, costing about Rs. 13 crores. This is a new scheme for which there is no approved outlay in the Seventh Five Year Plan. Taking into consideration the requirements of other States and Central Police Organisations in the area, a revised scheme costing approximately Rs. 24 crores has been prepared recently. In the light of the revised scheme, the North Eastern Council have been requested to process the matter further.

Export of Polyester Staple Fibre and Polyester Filament Yarn

@*448. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allowed an export quota of 30,000 tonnes of Polyester Staple Fibre (PSF) and 5000 tonnes of Polyester Filament Yarn (PFY);

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the indigenous consumers of PSF and PFY were consulted before taking the decision; if so, what are the details of their views in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Export of polyester staple fibre/polyester filament yarn is allowed within limited ceiling on first come, first-served basis having regard to both domestic demand and capacity.

(c) Yes, Sir. The view points of the consumers as well as the manufacturers were considered by the Government before taking this decision.

Destruction of Ganja Plants

*449 SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the officials of the Narcotics and Central

@Previously Starred Question 228, transferred from the 23rd November, 1987.

Excise Departments have recently destroyed ganja plants worth several lakhs of rupees in various parts of the country,

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what is the number of persons apprehended in this connection, Statewise; and

(d) what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B K. GADHVI): (a) to (d) In a joint operation conducted from 10th to 12th November, 1987 by the Central and State enforcement agencies, ganja cultivation in about 300 acres, consisting of 7.50 lac plants, was destroyed in Idukki district of Kerala. In a similar operation conducted in September, 1987, cannabis crop in 40 acres in the forest areas around Peythotti village in the Mathikettapara forest range (Idukki district) has been destroyed. Three persons have been arrested in the course of operation conducted from 10—12 November, 1987 in Idukki district of Kerala for initiating appropriate action under the law.

Expenditure incurred on Kudal Commission

*450. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred so far by Government on Kudal Commission, including salaries and allowances of all the staff recruited on deputation basis as well as of those directly recruited;

(b) the salaries and allowances paid to the Chairman of the Kudal Commission (Justice Kudal);

(c) the number of staff, categorywise;

(d) the number of institutions covered under the Kudal Commission, Statewise; and

(e) the number of days the Commission actually worked and during which period?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The total expenditure incurred by the Government on Kudal Commission including salaries and allowances of all the staff recruited on deputation as well as directly recruited was Rs. 1,46,92,326/- upto 31-1-1987.

(b) Justice Kudal was paid a sum of Rs. 2,70,706.95 on account of salaries and allowances.

(c) The number of sanctioned staff categorywise was: Gazetted (including Chairman and Secretary) 33; and Non-Gazetted 125.

(d) The number of institutions covered under Enquiry Commission in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Interim Reports whirh were laid on the Table of the House on 4-12-1985 and 7-5-1986, Statewise was: Bihar-9; Kerala-1; Maharashtra-4; Orissa-1; Tamil Nadu-1; Uttar Pradesh-4; West Bengal-1; New Delhi-6. The remaining reports are under the examination of the Government.

(e) The Commission worked with effect from 17-2-1982 to 31-1-1987 (4 years, 11 months and 14 days).

Self Employment Programme for the Urban poor

*451. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of beneficiaries Statewise, during 1986 under the Self Employment Programme for the urban poor and also the Statewise targets fixed for 1987-88;